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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Government consider the revision of the bonus on the basis of the formula applied by the Industrial Tribunals, in particular the Appellate Tribunal."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

Construction of bridges over the ferries at Perimba and Pazhayangadi in North Malabar.

* 536 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration by the Government to construct bridges over the ferries at Perimba and Pazhayangadi in North Malabar? 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The work of constructing a bridge across the Periamba ferry has already been approved by the Goverment for execution. There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to construct a bridge across the Pazhayangadi ferry."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" What is the estimated cost of the Periamba ferry bridge, and will the Government be pleased to consider the construction of the Pazhayangadi ferry bridge as the people are put to much inconvenience for want of that bridge? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The estimate for the bridge which has been sanctioned is Rs. 5·23 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 20,000 has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1953–54.

" So far as the other bridge is concerned, the Chief Engineer (Highways) has suggested that there should be a realignment of the highway for the construction of the bridge, and the Government have accepted his suggestion. The Government of India have been addressed separately for getting their approval for the realignment. If that is approved, a bridge can be thought of."

Powers of Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars.

* 537 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 429 given on 11th December 1952 whether the Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars have got any independent powers to pass orders; and if so, in what matters?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A statement [a] showing the independent powers of Headquarters

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 373–374 infra.

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Deputy Tahsildars in the districts in which such posts have been sanctioned by the Government, is placed on the table of the House."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" The statement placed on the table shows nothing except the powers of supervision over the work of the overburdened staff. Will the Government put an end to this stupidity of expenditure over the supervisory staff? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member should not use unparliamentary words."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Will the Government see that the work is run smoothly and efficiently in the interests of people by increasing the clerical staff instead of the unnecessary supervisory staff? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The work is run efficiently. I do not know on what grounds he says that the work is not run efficiently."

Amount advanced to wholesale co-operative society.

* 538 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the amount advanced by the Government to each wholesale co-operative society up to date ; and

(b) whether audit has been done each year punctually?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) The Government have not advanced any loan to Co-operative Wholesale Stores.

" (b) The final audit of all the Co-operative Wholesale Stores for the Co-operative year ending 30th June is generally completed by the end of December every year. During 1949–50 and 1950–51, the audit of 23 out of 24 Co-operative Wholesale Stores was completed by the end of December of the respective year while the audit of the remaining one store was completed in January of the next year. As regards the audit for the Co-operative year 1951–52, the audit of 22 out of 24 stores was completed by December 1952. The final audit of the remaining two stores is pending completion and the delay is due to heavy transactions in the stores."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know the main defects pointed out by the audit staff during the course of its audit affecting the economic position of this State? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I am afraid I cannot answer this question off-hand."